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Dear Sir,

May I take the liberty of submitting the enclosed letter to the editor which is in response to an editorial which appeared in this morning's New York Times.

You may wish to identify me as co-chairman of the National Academy of Sciences panel to study "Biology and the Exploration of Mars".

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure